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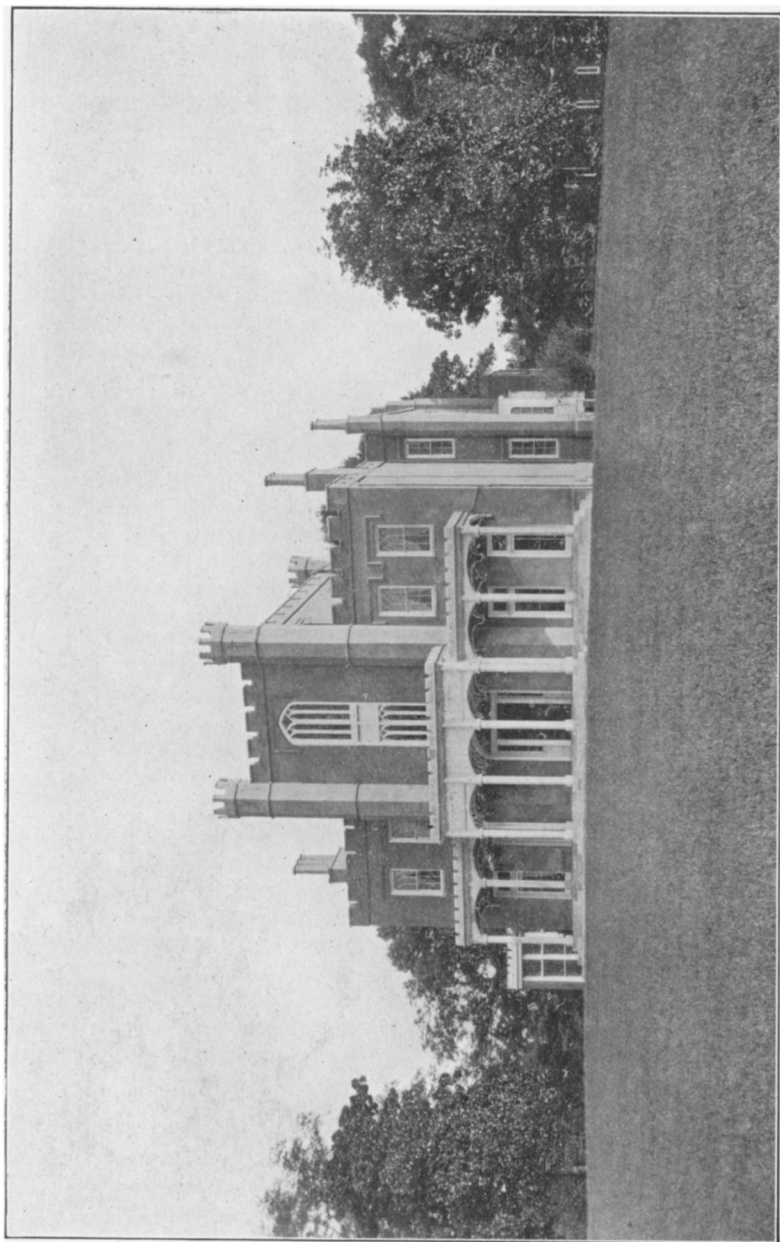
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STAUNTON HILL.
Front.

(3) Information in regard to the Christian and maiden surname of the wife of Dr. Lawrence Brooke, who was an officer in the American Navy during the Revolution and subsequently. The Taliaferro genealogy says that Dr. Lawrence Taliaferro Brooke's daughter, Sarah L., became the second wife of John Wishart Taliaferro and had ten children.

(4) The late General Dabney H. Maury, in a letter to the present writer, dated "Washington, D. C., Oct. 21, 1893" says, "The only sister of Judge Brooke was Betty Brooke who married Fontaine Maury. My mother, Eliza Maury, and Richard Brooke Maury were the only surviving children. Fontaine Maury built the house in Fredericksburg where Lawrence Brooke died and my mother was born." It would be interesting to identify that house if it could now be done.

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GENEALOGY.

BRUCE FAMILY.

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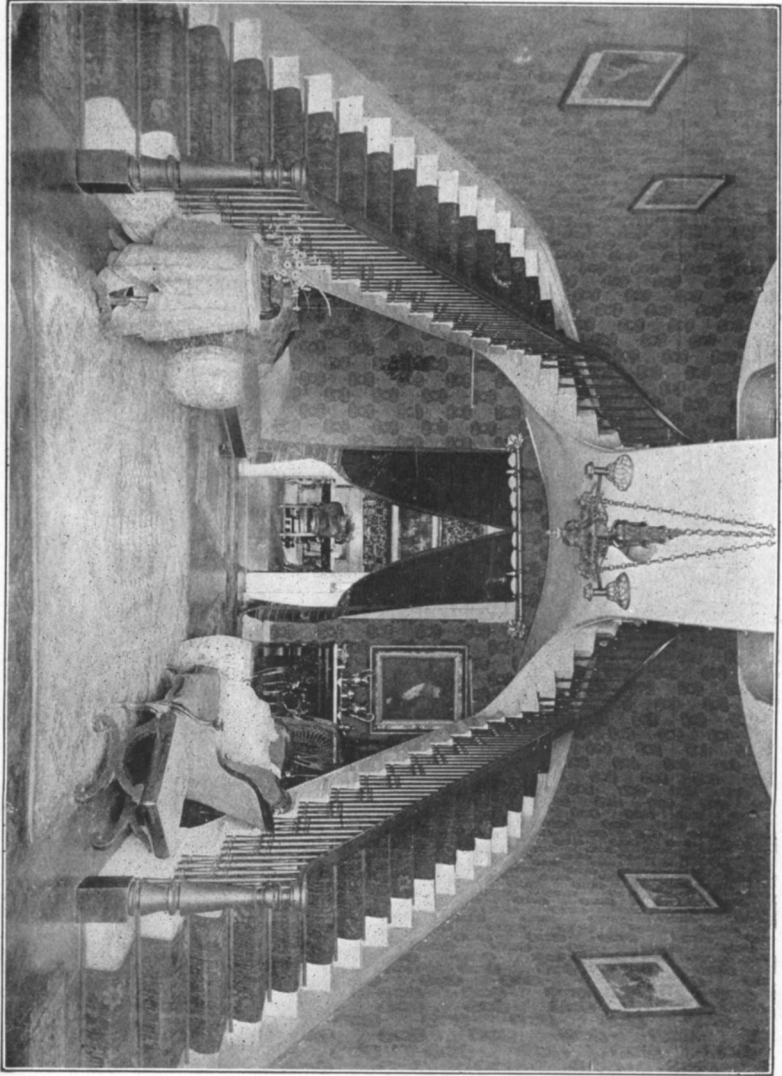
Charles⁴ Bruce, the youngest son of James³ and Elvira (Cabell) Bruce, was born August 17, 1826, at Woodburn, Halifax county, Va. He was educated first at private schools, and afterwards graduated from both Chapel Hill and Harvard Colleges. He then spent a winter in Cuba, and later travelled in Europe. On his return he was married to Sarah Seddon, youngest sister of his brother-in-law, Hon. James A. Seddon, a lady distinguished for beauty, intelligence and force of character. They took up their residence at "Staunton Hill," in Charlotte county, Va., which had been built while Mr. Bruce was abroad. During eight years Mr. Bruce was a member of the Virginia Senate, where he soon won a position of distinction and influence. At one election in his county not a single vote was cast against him. When the war broke out, he equipped the "Staunton Hill Artillery Company," at his own expense, and, as its captain, saw active service in the South. After the war, Mr. Bruce declined all political offices, although repeatedly urged to become a candidate for Congress, and devoted himself to the interests of his large landed estate, which, under his management, became one of the model plantations of the State. He showed an active interest in everything that would advance the welfare of the community. He was an earnest advocate of the payment of the State debt in full, and a speech delivered by him at Charlotte Courthouse on that subject

was copied in the *Richmond State* and attracted great attention. A man of superior judgment, unusual culture, an unfailing fund of humor, keen wit, and the highest probity, he was honored and revered by all who came within the sphere of his influence. Mr. Bruce died in October, 1896.

The following extract from an unprinted sketch of his life has something of historic interest as picturing a scene so characteristic of the old country life in Virginia:

"When Mr. Bruce died, the only survivor of his class in all that community, there was a universal feeling that the last representative there of the great slave holding and land holding class was gone. One of his neighbors, a man in humble circumstances, rode many miles to attend his funeral, saying that, 'he had come to see the burial of the last gentleman left in the country.' That funeral was one which for impressive simplicity has rarely been surpassed. There was no long train of carriages, as in a city, no lengthy procession of indifferent and conventional mourners. Borne in his coffin from his chamber to the library, the services were here held; then the coffin was lifted up by eight of his former slaves and carried through the grounds to the family graveyard, followed, first by his children, then by his neighbors, and finally, by a long line of his laborers and their families. There, upon the brow of the hill, overlooking the lovely valley of the Staunton river, waving in Indian corn, and with the distant surface of the stream flashing, like silver, through a broad opening in the willows, he was laid to rest in the soil which he had loved with such passionate devotion, and which was associated with all the memories of his manhood. To those who survived, it seemed as if the soul had gone out of the noble plantations with which his personality had been so intimately connected for nearly fifty years. Sky, forest, field, all seemed to have lost something that was nameless, which had given them an important part of their beauty and usefulness. The master was dead, and Nature itself appeared to be responding to the mournful fact."

The children of Charles⁴ and Sarah (Seddon) Bruce were: (1) Thomas Seddon;⁵ (2) Albert Carson;⁵ (3) Marion, died young; (4) Charles Morelle,⁵ educated in Universities of Berlin and Paris, President of the Live Stock Association of Arizona Territory, Secretary of Arizona Territory in 1894, and Acting Governor on removal of Governor Hughes; one of the highest mountains in Arizona was named in his honor; (5) James Roy,⁶ died in infancy; (6) Philip Alexander;⁵ (7) Ellen Carter;⁵ (8) William Cabell;⁵ (9) James Douglas,⁶ M. A., University of Virginia, Ph. D., Johns Hopkins University, Associate Professor of Anglo-Saxon and Middle English at Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania, and now (1904), Professor of English at University of Tennessee, Knoxville; (10) Anne Seddon,⁵ married, July 28, 1886, Thomas Nelson Page, descendant of Governors John Page, and Thomas Nelson, of Virginia, author of *Red*



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BERRY HILL.
HALL AND STAIRWAY.

Rock, Marse Chan, and other stories, remarkable equally for humor and pathos. She died, suddenly, in Richmond, December 22, 1888. "She combined with rare intellectual and artistic gifts, a person of great beauty, a gracious presence, great strength of character, charming manners, a sweet and sunny nature. The early ending of her beautiful life caused a universal mourning in the city, and a general expression of sorrow throughout the country." Mr. Page has recorded "that she was his chief inspiration, and that he became a writer for her." He established the "Rosemary Library," in Richmond, in her memory, and erected a beautiful memorial window in the Church of the Holy Trinity, in the same city.

Thomas Seddon⁵ Bruce, married Mary Bruce, daughter of General Joseph R. Anderson, of Richmond, Va., a graduate of West Point, lieutenant, U. S. A., brigadier-general, C. S. A., president of Tredegar Iron Works, &c. Their children were: (1) Sarah Archer, named after her grandmother, Mrs. Joseph R. Anderson, who was a daughter of Dr. Robert Archer, U. S. A., married Rev. Arthur B. Kinsolving, rector of Christ Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., and member of a family enjoying the highest distinction in the Episcopal Church, issue: Mary Bruce,⁷ Arthur B.,⁷ Eleanor Lee;⁷ (2) Charles;⁶ (3) Joseph Ried Anderson;⁶ (4) Seddon;⁶ (5) Kathleen Elizabeth;⁶ (6) Reginald;⁶ (7) Dorothea.

Albert Carson⁵ Bruce, married Mary E. Howard, daughter of Philip Francis Howard, of Richmond, Va., issue: (1) Sara Seddon, died young; (2) Ella Burfoot; (3) Howard; (4) Charles Cabell; (5) Albert Cabell; (6) Burfoot.

Philip Alexander⁵ Bruce, graduate of University of Virginia, B. L. L. of Harvard University, assistant editor of *Richmond Times*, 1890-1892, Corresponding Secretary Virginia Historical Society, and editor of the *Virginia Historical Magazine*, 1892-1898, author of the *Plantation Negro as a Freeman*, *Economic History of Virginia in the Seventeenth Century*, *Short History of the United States*, *The Development of the Southern States, 1876-1904* (Vol. XVII, *History of North America*, &c.), married Mrs. Betty Taylor Newton, of Norfolk, Va., daughter of John Saunders Taylor, of the same city (lieutenant in the U. S. navy before the war between the States, captain in Confederate States army, killed at battle of Sharpsburg), and his wife, Virginia Williamson, issue: Phil-ippa Alexander.⁶

Ellen Carter⁵ Bruce, married James Bowen Baylor, son of Dr. John Roy Baylor, of New Market, Caroline county, Va., head of Magnetic Department, U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, author of the *Baylor Oyster Survey of Virginia*, commissioner for Virginia-Tennessee boundary line, 1901-1902; issue: Evelyn Courtney,⁶ married Pelham Blackford; Anne,⁶ and John.⁶

William Cabell⁵ Bruce, prominent member of the Baltimore, Md., bar, member of Maryland Senate from Baltimore, and president of that body; City Solicitor of Baltimore, 1904; married Louise Este, only

daughter of Judge William A. Fisher, and his wife, Louise Este, daughter of Judge David Kirkpatrick Este, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Judge Fisher, who died in 1901, was one of the most distinguished lawyers and honored citizens of Maryland, and a descendant, through his mother, of Peter Alricks, the Dutch deputy-governor of the colonies on the west side of the Delaware. The children of William Cabell and Louise (Fisher) Bruce, were: (1) William A., died in infancy; (2) James; (3) William Cabell; (4) David K. Este.

NOTE.—The Bruce family of Orange and Halifax counties should not be confounded with the Bruce family of King George county, some members of which removed to Orange and Culpeper counties, where their names appear very frequently in the county records. The first Bruce to acquire lands in the Northern Neck were Walter,¹ George¹ and William,¹ who came from Nansemond county. Walter¹ married the widow of Thomas Sayers of Lower Norfolk county, and left three children, Abraham,² John² and Nicholas.² There are numerous references to him in the Lower Norfolk records and the land patents. He was probably the ancestor of the family of Bruces at Emporia. Walter¹ died before 1690. George¹ Bruce, the ancestor of the King George county family, appeared in the Northern Neck about 1650. He resided in Richmond county where his will was recorded in 1715. His children were George,² Charles,² William,² John,² Hensfield,² Jane² and Elizabeth.² In 1735 John² obtained two patents to land in Orange county. Charles³ Bruce died in King George county in 1754, leaving a good estate (see will 1754), which he divided among his children Susan,³ Elizabeth,³ Mary,³ Frances,³ Charles³ and William.³ The first William¹ Bruce to appear in the Northern Neck about 1650 was perhaps a brother of the first George.¹ He left a son Henry² who married a daughter of Andrew Morton, of Northumberland. There are references to these different Bruces in all the Northern Neck county records, and their genealogy could be easily compiled. The only survivor of the King George county Bruces in the Northern Neck, is now a merchant at White Stone, Lancaster county. The rest are scattered in Virginia, the west and the southwest.

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MORTON DATA.

JOHN MORTON.

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1756, February 5th. Joseph Morton. Deed. King George Co.

From Joseph Morton, of James City county, to Thomas Turner, conveying 300 acres in King George.

Sir Marmaduke Beckwith. Family. Born at Aldborough, York-